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SUBJ: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO:

STATE OF PLAY AS OF 3:30 PM AUGUST 31, 1977

1. FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF C-24 MEMBERS, VRAALSEN (NORWAY), INFORMED US THAT THE SITUATION IS "VERY MESSY."

2. VRAALSEN ASKED OUR VIEWS ON A CONSENSUS DECISION (NOT A RESOLUTION) BY THE COMMITTEE RATHER THAN A CONSENSUS STATEMENT AS LAST YEAR. HE ACKNOWLEDGED OUR STRONG ANTIPATHY TO SUCH A FORMAT BUT RAISED THE QUESTION BECAUSE, HE SAID, HE BELIEVES A CONSENSUS STATEMENT IS BEYOND REACH.

3. VRAALSEN THEN REPORTED A FURTHER CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 31 WITH ETHIOPIAN DEPUTY PERM REP BEKELE. BEKELE SAID THAT HE IS LEANING TOWARDS SUPPORTING A DEFERRAL MOVEMENT IF THAT IS THE LAST RESORT. HE IS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM ADDIS. VRAALSEN RE-ITERATED HIS EARLIER REQUEST THAT WE HOLD THAT
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INFORMATION VERY CLOSELY.

4. USUN IS CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF A CONSENSUS DECISION AND WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF OUR THINKING ASAP.

5. AT 1520, ABDULAH INFORMED US THAT THE CUBANS

HAVE SUBMITTED AN AMENDED DRAFT RESOLUTION (MODERATING SOME OF THE LANGUAGE, HE BELIEVES), WHICH WILL APPEAR IN TOMORROW'S TAKE. HE IS UNAWARE OF THE EXACT NATURE OF THE CHANGES. SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HAVE PROMISED US A COPY WITHIN THE HOUR.

6. ON AUGUST 31, SOVIET MISOFF KOVALENKO INFORMED US THAT SOME C-24 MEMBERS ARE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF A DEFERRAL MOTION AS A WAY OF ESCAPING FROM THIS YEAR'S C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S QUERY, KOVALENKO SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WOULD HAVE TO SUPPORT THE CUBAN POSITION IN THE EVENT OF SUCH A MOTION.
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